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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Chief, Executive Staff, O/DDI

SUBJECT:

NIS Dissemination to Department of the Interior

REFERENCE:

Your Telephone Request of 30 October 1967

1. A review of OBCI files indicates an initial request by the Department of the Interior for NIS publications (among other topics) on transportation and telecommunications dating back to 1950. Dissemination of three copies each of NIS units covering these topics was authorized by the Assistant Director of Basic Intelligence in November 1950.

2. In an August 1953 letter, in response to a request by CIA Liaison Division, Interior stated its need for continuing receipt of NIS material. Justification was based on their involvement in NIS production. Staff members needed published units on the subject countries to maintain consistency between the various chapters and sections of the NIS, and to eliminate duplication of effort in NIS research and intelligence coverage. The published units were also considered as useful reference material for other staff members who engage chiefly in commodity work and who contribute indirectly to the preparation of the NIS. The letter also mentioned that these members serve on many interdepartmental groups concerned with strategic materials, mobilization planning, and other international activities.

3. The justification of 1953 has remained effective since then. To bring you up to date, Interior now receives or is allowed to receive as needed all NIS units on military geography, transportation and telecommunications, sociological, economic, map and chart appraisal, marine climate and oceanography, and petroleum topics. Current contributions to the NIS Program by Interior are the fisheries part of Section 61 (Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry), Section 62F (Fuels), and parts of Section 63 (Minerals and Metals). Interior has been producing for the NIS since the inception of the Program, and coverage includes all non-Communist countries as well as Cuba and Yugoslavia. The divisions within the Department of the Interior involved in NIS work are the Bureau of Mines and Fish and Wildlife Service.

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4. Attached for your information is the latest OBGI guide for approved dissemination of NIS to non-USIB Government departments and agencies. The Department of the Interior is covered on page 3.

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Special Assistant to Director  
Basic and Geographic Intelligence

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